

House Resolution No. 919

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens or distinguished themselves through significant personal achievement; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize John Boatwright, of Aurora, Missouri, a senior at Aurora High School who was recently named a Distinguished Finalist in The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, which honors outstanding community service by young Americans; and

Whereas, John Boatwright has distinguished himself in many and various ways, including countless examples of community service and school participation, and he is the recipient of many community achievement awards and academic recognitions; and

Whereas, John Boatwright constructed a black-granite memorial in a town square to honor two soldiers from Aurora who died while fighting in Iraq, and he raised nearly \$10,000 for the project, had the granite sand-blasted with a tribute in words and artwork, and erected two flagpoles alongside; and

Whereas, The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, created in 1995 by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, is designed to emphasize the importance our nation places on service to others and to encourage all young Americans to contribute to their communities; and

Whereas, as a Distinguished Finalist in this year's program, John Boatwright will receive an engraved bronze medallion; and

Whereas, the success of the state of Missouri, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like John Boatwright, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

Whereas, The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program is America's largest youth recognition program based exclusively on volunteerism:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to the applaud the laudable service to John Boatwright and the honor and recognition bestowed upon him by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for John Boatwright.

Offered by _____
Representative Don Ruzicka
District No. 132

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 919, adopted March 5, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker